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DON WOOD FOUNDATION PROVIDES OVER \$3.7M IN GRANTS TO AREA ORGANIZATIONS

The Don Wood Foundation, a private foundation dedicated to the advancement of manufacturing, entrepreneurship, and related education in the region, has issued 14 grants for area programs so far in 2022.

Totaling \$3,776,223, recipients include Kosciusko Economic Development Corporation in the amount of \$25,000 for general support of their entrepreneurship efforts in Kosciusko County; Greater Fort Wayne in the amount of \$15,000 to support the entrepreneurial ecosystem in efforts to collaborate and plan for the future; Indiana Tech in the amount of \$1,699,265 for the Zollner Engineering Center Renovation and Expansion; Kate's Kart in the amount of \$25,000 for STEM books for children; Community Foundation of Whitley County in the amount of \$100,000 for the Manufacturing Your Future Scholarship; Fort Wayne Community Schools in the amount of \$81,000 for creating an equitable welding learning lab; Junior Achievement of Northern Indiana in the amount of \$497,000 for the Junior Achievement Entrepreneurship Pathway; Lasting Change in the amount of \$115,000 for the Pierceton Woods Vocational Education Program; Easterseals Arc of Northeast Indiana in the amount of \$50,000 for their Dream Teens program; The STEM Connection in the amount of \$28,000 for STEM education for Northeast Indiana students; PATTERN, Inc. in the amount of \$25,000 for their Stitchworks program; TeenWorks in the amount of \$23,458 for the 2022 summer program; Boys & Girls Club of Fort Wayne in the amount of \$742,500 for their Career Pathway Center; and YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne in the amount of \$350,000 for phase I building construction for the YMCA Enterprise Zone.

"We're pleased to partner with area nonprofit organizations that share an interest in providing students and adults the tools they need to help grow manufacturing and entrepreneurship in the region," said executive director Laura Macknick. She continued, "The Don Wood Foundation recognizes the need for the development of a skilled workforce in the regional industry and the economic enhancements that fostering entrepreneurship may bring."

The Don Wood Foundation serves to align opportunities between students, community, and industry by growing and strengthening the manufacturing sector in the region. To learn more about the Don Wood Foundation, visit their website at www.DonWoodFoundation.org.

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